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SOUTH CAROLINA'S LOSS IN COTTON IS MILLIONS

Commissioner Harris Gives Figures Going to Prove His Assertion.
Commissioner Harris figures that it cost the farmers of South Carolina around \$250,000,000 to produce the 1920 cotton crop, and that the present prices our incomes from the crop would be but \$140,000,000. This would mean a loss of more than \$100,000,000 or enough to run the state government and all educational institutions in South Carolina for ten years. Mr. Harris in a statement says:

It is the manufacturer's right to put the price on the commodities he makes. It is right for the merchant to price his goods. It is also right for the banker to price his money he represents their capital. Then and therefore it certainly is the right of the farmer to put a price on the produce he grows for it represents his labor. And agriculture is the bed-rock upon which the prosperity of the world depends.

Can the farmers price the products they grow? They can. How may they do so? First they will have to diversify their crops so as to make their homes self supporting. So long as a farmer buys his living he is giving away two dollars for every one he takes in. This is not a fair exchange.

Now, let's see where his money goes. He is not enriching himself, nor his state for the money that goes out of the state impoverishes the state, and enriches other states correspondingly. Let us look at the expenditures of the farmers of this state.

Up to November 1st, the privilege tax collections, (tag tax on fertilizers) amounted to \$270,000, representing the sale of 1,080,000 tons of fertilizer. At an average price of \$55 per ton, the cost of fertilizer to the farmers for 1920 has been around \$39,400,000.

Fertilizer ----- \$59,400,000
Mixed feeds, 185,000 tons ----- 13,875,000
Corn used in state (estimated) ----- 15,000,000
Oats ----- 10,000,000
Hay ----- 11,000,000
Flour ----- 20,000,000
Bacon ----- 18,000,000

Total ----- \$144,275,000
(The amount of corn, oats, hay, bacon and flour is estimated but I am sure the estimate is too low. I have taken no account of syrup, coffee, and other things that are bought for the farm.)

In the above tabulation no account is taken of the expense of labor for the making and gathering of the 1920 crop.

Now, let's see where we stand. Estimate the crop at 1,400,000 bales. I myself do not think that much will be gathered but that is an estimate. If every bale sold for 20 cents a pound, where would we stand? I round numbers the receipts for this cotton would be \$140,000,000 or \$100 a bale. This is less than the cost of provisions listed above.

To the \$144,275,000 we must add something for the cost of labor. It will cost at least 15 cents per pound to grow and gather and market the crop, in fact that is too low an estimate. Accepting that however, we get a total of \$105,000,000 at the rate of \$75 a bale on 1,400,000 bales. Now, if one will run out these calculations for himself, he will find that the cotton crop of South Carolina on the basis that I have indicated cost 37 7-18 cents a pound at low estimates.

So we can readily see that if this crop gets out of the hands of the farmers at those figures, the farmers and in fact the entire state in lines of business would lose more than \$100,000,000 on the year's crop. As the crop cost, we will say, \$250,000,000, the percentage of the loss is astonishing. These figures must make the farmer pause, and think, before he plants another crop.

ONE MAN DEAD; TWO ARRESTED. Result of Serious Automobile Accident Near Duncan.

Spartanburg, Nov. 29.—Floyd B. McMillan, member of one of the best known families in the county is dead and T. B. Bogan and M. C. Chandler, well known young men of Spartanburg, are in the county jail as a result of an automobile accident which occurred yesterday afternoon near Duncan. The jury impaneled by Coroner John S. Turner today rendered a verdict to the effect that McMillan came to his death as a result of the overturning of an automobile owned by W. W. Green, of this city. The jury found that Green was in the car at the time of the accident, but that T. B. Bogan was driving and was running the car at an alleged reckless rate of speed. The four above named men were in the car at the time of the accident, according to witnesses, who testified that a pint bottle of whiskey was found on the ground when they reached the point where the accident occurred.

All four men were injured. Bogan receiving severe lacerations about the right ear and cheek. Green and Chandler were only slightly injured. McMillan was terribly injured about the head and died early this morning at a local hospital where he was rushed immediately after the accident.

SIXTEEN YEARS AGO.

There is an old saying that when one begins to live in the past they are getting old. The Herald is getting old, but the men who make it are still full of youthful vigor and enthusiasm. The past is interesting, however, and sometimes in our idle moments we dig back into the old Herald files and read the history of events as it was written years ago. Following are a few items taken from the files of 1904, just sixteen years ago, which may be of interest to some of our readers:

Prof. and Mrs. W. W. Nickels, who were married in Blacksburg on the 24th instant, arrived in Dillon last Saturday night are boarding with Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Bethea.

Mr. Dock Hamilton, after a long period of service with J. W. Dillon & Son, has resigned his position and will move out on the farm.

Miss Argent Bethea returned to Wesleyan Female College at Macon, Ga., Monday night.

Col. Knox Livingston of Bennettsville spent yesterday in the city.

Hon. T. F. Stackhouse left Sunday night for Columbia to be present at the opening of the legislature.

The railroad officials have prepared plans for the new depot and will begin work on the structure in a few weeks. The building will be constructed on modern plans with toilet rooms and other conveniences attached.

In order to give an idea of the amount of business that passes through the local dispensary during the year we give below the amount the town and county received from the dispensary from Jan. 3, 1903 to Dec. 31st, 1903: The town \$5,413.48. The county: \$5,413.48, making a grand total of \$10,826.96.

Messrs. Lies and Hargrove, young men with ginger and get up and get there in them have embarked in the fire insurance business.

The bright, happy face of our good friend, Thad Bethea, is all smiles this morning. There was born to Mr. and Mrs. Bethea last night a daughter. This is the first little lady in this house, and it is the brighter for it. May she be a great blessing to her fond parents.

Mrs. Weatherly and Brown have moved their offices from the McLaurin building to Peters' Pharmacy on Main street.

Lemmie Stubbs, the efficient young assistant cashier at the Peoples bank, has compiled a list of the business houses and offices in Dillon. The list shows a total of 74 business houses and offices actively engaged in business.

Miss Annie Donaldson entertained her friends in a very charming manner at the Dillon Hotel last Tuesday evening from 9 till 12.

Gathered round the festive board, representing a garland of youth, beauty and chivalry, were the following young couples: Miss Annie Donaldson with Mr. Rufus Edwards; Miss Rosa Richardson with Dr. J. H. Hamer; Miss Nellie Sprunt with Prof. W. K. Green; Miss Will Weatherly with Mr. H. L. Calhoun; Miss Lizzie Bethea with Mr. B. F. Alston; Miss Julia Badger with Mr. O. H. Richardson; Miss Hattie Outzel with Mr. E. R. Liles; Miss Agnes Evans with Mr. N. B. Hargrove; Miss Birdie Lancaster with Mr. J. B. Gibson; Miss Bessie Donaldson with Mr. Mack Curtis. Stags: Messrs. W. C. Carr, D. F. Morgan and A. B. Jordan.

THOMASVILLE AGAIN

To Thomasville, N. C., goes the distinction for the second time of being the first Chapter in the Southern Division, and also in the country, to enroll its quota of members in the Red Cross Roll Call. Last year the telegram announcing that one-fifth of the population of the town had joined the Red Cross reached Division Headquarters at three o'clock on the first afternoon of the Roll Call. This year they set a new record. At seven o'clock in the morning on November 11, almost one-third of the population of Thomasville had enrolled, or 1018 Red Cross members out of a population of 3800. This is a record that may well be envied by other towns in the country, not only as an accomplishment, but as an indication of a get-together spirit in the people that is necessary to make such accomplishments possible. The Southern Division congratulates Thomasville on its achievement.

SACKS FROM POOR COTTON.

Want Low Grades Used in Manufacturer, it is Said.

Columbia, Nov. 27.—Manufacturers of guano and cotton seed meal are requested in a resolution adopted by the executive committee of the South Carolina Division of the American Cotton Association to use sacks made from low grade cotton for the output of their plants next year. Cotton association officials estimate that this would dispose of about 375,000 bales of low grade cotton.

The suggestion is also made that cotton cloth made from low grade cotton or linters weighing not more than two pounds to the yard be used in lieu of jute bagging for the baling of next year's crop. It is estimated that this would dispose of an additional 350,000 bales of low grade cotton.

CONFERENCE APPOINTMENTS.

Dr. Duncan Returned to Dillon; Rev. W. C. Kirkland Goes to Latta.

The entire community, regardless of denomination, will be glad to learn that Dr. Duncan is returned to Dillon for another year. Dr. Duncan is one of the ablest ministers in the South Carolina Conference, and in addition to his religious work, he is thoroughly identified with the social life of the community. Another appointment that will be received with much pleasure is the announcement that Rev. W. C. Kirkland has been sent to Latta. Since leaving Dillon Mr. Kirkland has been editor of the Southern Christian Advocate. He did excellent work on the Advocate, but the call to the pulpit was strong and he asked to be relieved of the Advocate's work. Mr. Kirkland has many friends in Dillon who will be delighted to know that he is to locate in our neighbor town, Latta.

The following are the other appointments for the district:

Marion District: D. A. Phillips, presiding elder; Aynor, E. K. Garrison; Brownsville, J. L. Mullinix; Bucksville, W. L. Parker; Centenary, R. W. Humphries; Conway, J. C. Atkinson; Conway Circuit, E. W. Hurst; Clio, B. G. Murphy; Dillon and Hamer Mills, J. D. Williams; Floydale, P. K. Crosby; Lake View, S. E. Ledbetter; S. J. Bethea, Supernumary; Little River, J. E. Carter; Little Rock, E. Z. James; Loris, C. S. Felder; H. L. Singleton, Supernumary; Marion, W. I. Herbert; Marion Circuit, J. E. Cook; Mullins, G. P. Watson; Mullins Circuit, T. J. White; Nichols, F. W. Burgess; Waccamaw, E. F. Scoggins; Business Manager Southern Christian Advocate, J. H. Noland, Little Rock; President Paine College, A. D. Betts, Conway; President Horry Industrial School, S. C. Morris, Aynor; Superintendent Young People and Adult Work, W. C. Owen, Dillon.

LAKE VIEW—FORMER-LY PAGES MILL.

In talking with people from different parts of the county I find some who are not aware of the rapid progress which Lake View is making.

Lake View has leaped from a village to a town in almost overnight. Some of the principal additions just now is the opening of the Palmetto Hotel, which I think can be safely said, is one of the best (if not the best) hotel in South Carolina this side of big Pee Dee river. It is equipped with all up-to-date conveniences, water, electric lights, etc.

Another enterprise is the Lake View Light and Power Co.'s plant which has just been put into operation. This plant is run by water power, using the old Pages Mill pond, and of course we don't claim to have a plant equal to some of the great power plants in the Piedmont section, but we have a plant with power, and we invite any of our sister towns who are somewhat in the dark to come down some night and look at some real electric lights.

On account of the changing of the name from Pages Mill to Lake View, people have some difficulty in locating our town from a distance, and to be some distance from home and to tell people you are from Lake View they don't seem to locate you, but the name of everything has been changed, the railroad station being the last which was officially changed more than a year ago.

Soon all the railroad guides will have us as "Lake View," and with the progress we are making, in a few years when you go away from home and to just tell anyone you are from South Carolina, the next question he will want to know if you live anywhere near Lake View.

Wide-A-Wake.

YOUNG MAN ARRESTED.

L. M. Grainger, a Resident of Latta, Charged With Serious Crime.

Sheriff Lane, accompanied by officers from North Carolina, went to Latta early Tuesday morning and arrested L. M. Grainger, a young white man, charged with having robbed a bank at Tabor, N. C.

Grainger was making arrangements to open a moving picture show in Latta, and had purchased his equipment. He was married last Sunday.

Grainger was formerly employed at the Tabor bank he is charged with having robbed. He left the employ of the bank about a year ago. It is alleged that he returned to Tabor, went into the bank at night, opened the vault and took war savings stamps and liberty bonds valued at several thousand dollars.

The bank officials were at a loss to account for the missing securities, and there were times when suspicion pointed to regular employees in the bank. Grainger and his former connections with the bank were forgotten. The robbery might have remained a mystery if it had not been discovered in some way that Grainger was disposing of war stamps and bonds. This directed suspicion toward him, and acting upon the assumption that they had sufficient evidence to hold him for the crime, officers came down from North Carolina and placed him under arrest.

The young man was taken back to Tabor Tuesday morning.

MARLBORO MINISTER A SUICIDE

Lawrence C. Chavis in Fit of Despondency Ends Life With Shotgun.

Bennettsville, Nov. 29.—The Rev. Lawrence C. Chavis, local Methodist preacher of this county, ended his own life early Sunday morning, according to information here.

Without awakening any member of the family he left his room very early Sunday and went into a piece of woods not very far from his home, where he is supposed to have shot himself with a shotgun, the load taking effect in his head. Death, apparently followed instantly. When other members of the family arose they missed him and went to look for him, and found his body.

The Rev. Mr. Chavis for a number of years served as a local preacher in the neighborhood where he was reared, the upper part of Marlboro county. He was held in the very highest esteem by every one and had accumulated considerable property and was in good financial condition. However, the delay in gathering his crops, the heavy losses that he and others are sustaining in their crops, his own worries and troubles, and the troubles and worries of his friends and neighbors had supposedly effected his mind during the last two or three weeks and according to friends, he was noticeably mentally wrong. No one, however, suspected his committing any act of violence either upon himself or any one else.

The Rev. Mr. Chavis belonged to a very large family in this county and had a large family connection and will be very greatly missed both in the church and in the state. He was a good citizen.

FIFTEEN POLICE SHOT TO DEATH

Party is Ambushed by From 80 to 100 Men Near Kilmichael—Reprisals Started and People Fleeing in Terror

Macroom, Ireland, Nov. 29.—Two lorry loads of recruits in training for the Black and Tan auxiliary police were ambushed last night by from eighty to one hundred men near Kilmichael and fifteen of them were killed. The bodies were brought here this evening.

Already reprisals have begun, and reports from the village of Johnston between Macroom and Dunman Way, state that scarcely a house of the shops in the district has not been set afire. The residents are fleeing from the place in terror. Here shops have been closed and all business is suspended. Large parties of auxiliaries bearing rifles and revolvers are patrolling the town and the people are apprehensive that the auxiliaries will take vengeance.

Sinn Fein Premises Set on Fire.

"London, Nov. 29.—The premises of the Sinn Fein bank in Harcourt street, Dublin, were set on fire early this morning, says a dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph from Dublin.

Charged With Murder.

Liverpool, Nov. 29.—A young man who declined to give his name, but who said he was a Sinn Feiner and a native of Dublin was arraigned in the police court here this morning on a charge of murder in connection with the cotton warehouse fires Saturday night. He is twenty-eight years old. The police said that the prisoner and two other men were discovered near the scene of one of the fires acting in a suspicious manner. The three men tried to escape when the police accosted them, and the man under arrest is accused of having fired at the officers. His bullet went astray and killed a civilian.

It is charged by the police that the man under arrest had in his possession plans of the premises in which fires occurred. He was remanded to prison one week.

Italians Interested.

Rome, Nov. 29.—Members of the Italian Chamber of Deputies and Senate have received a strong protest concerning the latest serious events in Ireland from the Irish clergy, headed by Cardinal Logue, archbishop of Armagh. Facts enumerated in the protest and the language used have produced a profound impression especially among members of the Catholic party, who, it is asserted have taken a decided attitude in favor of Ireland.

It is expected interpellation will be presented in the Chamber and Senate, asking the government if it is not possible for a friendly power to interfere, either directly or through the League of Nations, to obtain a solution that would end the present condition of affairs in Ireland.

WHITE MAN TO DIE IN CHAIR.

J. T. Harris, of Ridgecrest, N. C., who shot and killed E. W. Moonish, a retired capitalist of Tuscaloosa, Ala., at Ridgecrest, was found guilty of murder in the first degree in Buncombe Superior court at Asheville and was sentenced by Judge Long to die in the electric chair at Raleigh January 28th. This is said to be the first time in 14 years that a white man has been sentenced to die by a Buncombe county court.

Harris is a prominent merchant. He is supposed to have been jealous of Moonish who visited his home frequently. He is a brother in law of Judge Pritchard and the solicitor of that district. Insanity was his plea.

SPURNS BRIBE AND DIES.

Washington, Nov. 28.—A reward of \$5,000, full protection and secrecy and a free pass to any part of the world—or death by hanging—this was the choice given by the British military to Kevin Barry, the 18-year old Irish patriot, recently executed for alleged complicity in the Irish troubles.

A letter received here today by Mrs. R. E. Reardon, 3326 Thirteenth street, from her mother, the widow of an Irish magistrate and a Unionist of Dublin, gives an intimate picture of the last moments of the young patriot.

The letter quotes one prominent in public affairs in Dublin as furnishing the facts. It was mailed on November 12.

"Kevin Barry was hanged this week for attacking a lot of fully-armed soldiers and taking their rifles," says the letter. "The day before his death a conditional reprieve arrived from Lloyd George.

"He was taken out of his cell by two officers, shown the scaffold with the rope dangling from the roof, and told that it was for him.

"If, however, he gave up the names of his comrades he was to get 1,000 pounds for each name, full protection, absolute secrecy, and a free pass to any part of the world. He listened attentively, pointed to the scaffold, and said:

"I am quite satisfied with the arrangements. They seem to be perfect. Now take me back to my cell and let me prepare for eternity. I hope never to see any of you again, either here or there."

According to the communication, Barry was 18 years of age, a medical student, and the only child of a widowed mother.

The Red Cross Campaign.

Publicity Chairman.
The final result of the 4th Red Cross Roll Call in the Dillon Chapter cannot be stated yet, as several rural districts have not sent in reports, but the number of members reported so far are as follows:

In the town of Dillon 224.
Lake View District, Miss Grace Temple, chairman, 67.

Little Rock District, Mrs. Lacy W. Corbett, chairman 40.

Floydale District, Mrs. Will Floyd, chairman (all canvassers not heard from) 15.

Hamer District, Miss Flora Hamer, chairman (all reports not in) 30.

Total 376.

The following teams canvassed Dillon: Misses Lacy Jackson and Georgia White; Misses Mary Bethea and Eula Braddy; Misses Sarah Bethea and Beulah Braddy; Misses Louise Moore and Marguerite Elliott; Misses Allie Braddy and Christine Edwards; Misses Marie Smith and Edith Elliott; Mrs. L. Cottingham and Mrs. Marvin McLean. We should at least have 300 members in the town of Dillon and it is hoped that those persons missed by the canvassers will join later or send name with membership dues (\$1.00) to Frank David, Roll Call Cashier. The chairman wishes to thank each District Chairman and team worker for their time and effort spent in the campaign as she could have done nothing without their cooperation.

Mrs. L. Cottingham, Red Cross Roll Call Chm'n.

DILLON MAN HEADS SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS

Prof. W. D. Roberts of Dillon School. Elected President of Department of Superintendents.

At the meeting of the State Teachers' Association at Spartanburg last week Prof. W. D. Roberts of the Dillon schools was elected president of the Department of Superintendents, an organization, composed of school superintendents throughout the state. Prof. Roberts was also elected a member of the executive committee of the Teachers' Association. The work of the Department of Superintendents is to look after the organization and administration of the public schools of the state. The organization members meet twice each year, one meeting being held with the teachers of the state and the other with the various college presidents. At these meetings various plans are discussed and adopted for the better organization and administration of the school work.

"Certain Man" Answered Charge With 85 Yellowbacks

At the closing session of a revival meeting in Washington, N. C., an evangelist, the Rev. B. F. McLondon, leaned over the pulpit and told his congregation that a certain man, present at the service, had not been true to his family or his religion but that if he would deposit a \$10 bill in the collection plate it would be taken as a token of his repentance and nothing further would be said, but if he refused, the evangelist would publish his name.

The collection included 85 ten dollar bills and five notes asking the evangelist to keep quiet, and promising the \$10 in the morning.—Ex.

The recent British coal strike is estimated to have cost 300,000,000 pounds sterling.

Great Britain exported 26,400,000 pounds of candles in 1919.

DAD LEAVES MILLION; SON TURNS IT DOWN.

Buzzards Bay, Mass., Nov. 29.—Charles Garland, the young man who has renounced his right to a million dollar legacy left him by his father, James A. Garland, who was a wealthy club man and yachtman of Boston today made a formal statement of his reasons for rejecting the money. His statement, he said, was due to the fact that the many reports of his failure to accept the legacy had fazed properly to present his position.

"I refuse to accept the money because it is not mine," was young Garland's summary of his action. "A system which starves thousands while hundreds are stuffed condemns itself. A system which leaves a sick woman helpless and offers its services to a healthy man condemns itself. It is such a system that offers me a million dollars," he continued.

"It is blind to the simplest truth known to every child, the truth that the hungry should be fed and the naked clothed. I have had to choose between the loss of private property and the law which is written in every human heart. I chose the one which I believe to be true."

Believes Christ Would Have Rejected

Garland, who has stated he renounced his claims to the million dollars because he thought Christ would have done the same, continued:

"I believe I could do no good with the money. It is the man who gives food to the hungry who does good, not the dollars given in exchange for the food. I would be happy to be the man if I had the food to give, but I can not lend myself to handling the money that is not mine even though the good that might be done is possibly great."

Many people have written to tell him what could be done with the money, he said. "They seem almost proud to point out the power that I have in my hands, but it is the most pitiful thing they could point to. You cannot serve God and Mammon. So many people ready to serve the dollar means so many less to serve God. There are great opportunities to do good, but they are in men's hearts, not my check book. A preacher in the name of Christ said this million should have been turned to good. He thinks that God's work is paid for in dollars. God's work will never be done until men see that this theory is untrue."

Living at Mother's Expense.

Mr. Garland's statement was made from his home here, a former inn of stage coach days. The young man, who is 22 years of age, is living at the house with his wife and infant daughter as the guest of his mother, Mrs. Marie Tudor Green, who supplies them with a maid and keeps their larder full. He plans to go to work eventually, he said but a year at Harvard College, which he left to get married, and preparatory schooling in this country and in England fitted him for no work ready at hand, and he said he thought it would be spring before he found anything. His wife joined with him in his renunciation of the million, Garland said. His mother, although not holding the same views, has told him to do what he thought right.

In another house on the estate lives James A. Garland, third brother of Charles Garland, who has accepted his share of his father's estate made larger by the fact that the mother of the boys abandoned her rights in order to marry Francis C. Green after the death of her first husband. At Harvard College is Hamilton Garland, a third son, who lacks several months of reaching his majority. His brother Charles said today that he understood Hamilton also was considering refusal to take his share when he became of age. Their ideas on the subject are somewhat similar, he said, although the influences of education and environment were not identical. Garland indicated that his refusal to take the money was not based on any question attached to the origin of the Garland fortune, saying he did not know from what source it was derived, but he believed it came down from his grandfather.

APPROPRIATION FOR WOMEN'S BUILDING.

The South Carolina Federation of Women's Clubs adopted the following resolution at its annual convention in Rock Hill, April 20, 1920. This resolution has been reinforced by six district meetings of the Federation and the Dillon County Federation of Women's Clubs. A copy has also been furnished each member of the Dillon Delegation for their consideration and a copy given to The Herald for publication that the public might become acquainted with it.

Honor Roll, Little Rock School.

7th Grade — Ida Vick Hargrove, Grace Wallace.
4th Grade — Mary Bethea, Ruth Huggins, Edna Proctor.
3rd Grade — Aline Huggins.
2nd Grade — Irene Driggers.
1st Grade — J. D. Calhoun, Prentice Proctor.